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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
STEPHEN A. SCHROEDER ET AL.) Examiner: Leslie A. Wong
Application No.: 09/903,710) Group Art Unit: 1761
Filed: July 31, 2001)
For: METHOD OF PREPARING LIQUID)
COMPOSITIONS FOR DELIVERY)
OF N-[N-(3,3-DIMETHYLBUTYL)-)
L- α -ASPARTYL]-L-)
PHENYLALANINE 1-METHYL)
ESTER IN FOOD AND BEVERAGE)
SYSTEMS) January 31, 2006

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for further action in the above-identified case for three months from November 1, 2005, to February 1, 2006.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$1020.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

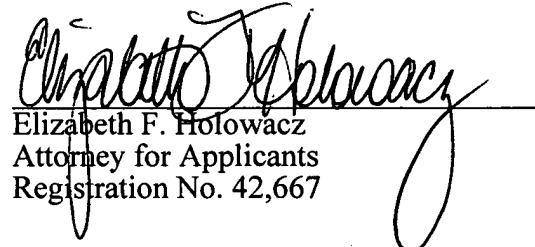
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